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JURY CONVICTS ORLANDO MAN WHO SHOT AND KILLED COUSIN OF FEDERAL FIREARMS AND AMMUNITION OFFENSE

Orlando, Florida - A jury in U.S. District Court in Orlando, Florida, today found Derrick Williams, 32, of Orlando, guilty of possession of a firearm by a convicted felon. The maximum penalty Williams faces is 10 years' imprisonment and a \$250,000 fine. The sentencing hearing is scheduled for August 4, 2008, before the Honorable Patricia C. Fawsett, Chief United States District Judge. Williams previously had been indicted on the charge by a federal grand jury on November 7, 2007.

According to the testimony and evidence presented at trial, Williams attended a family gathering at his grandmother's Orlando home on July 4, 2007. During the gathering, Williams became involved in a verbal dispute with his cousin, Brian. Williams subsequently pulled a loaded handgun from his waistband and shot his cousin in the chest, killing him. Williams then fled the residence on foot, dropping the firearm in a neighbor's yard. He was arrested by members of the Orlando Police Department a short distance from the scene of the shooting.

The case was investigated by the Orlando Police Department, the Orange County Sheriff's Office, the Florida Department of Law Enforcement, and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, firearms and Explosives. The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Robert E. Bodnar, Jr., and J. Bishop Ravenel.